

**National Agency Presentation**

**Emergency Management Australia**

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**Emergency Management Australia**

Is Australia's national emergency management agency:

- Prepares and maintains national plans,
- Coordinates Australian Government's crisis response and recovery efforts, and
- Coordinates protective security arrangements.

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## Constitutional Arrangements

State and Territory Governments within their jurisdiction:

- Have primary responsibility for the protection of life property and the environment
- Are first responders to incidents.

The Australian Government:

- National coordination functions
- Assistance to states and territories when requested
- Financial assistance to support response and recovery
- Support to other countries affected by disasters.

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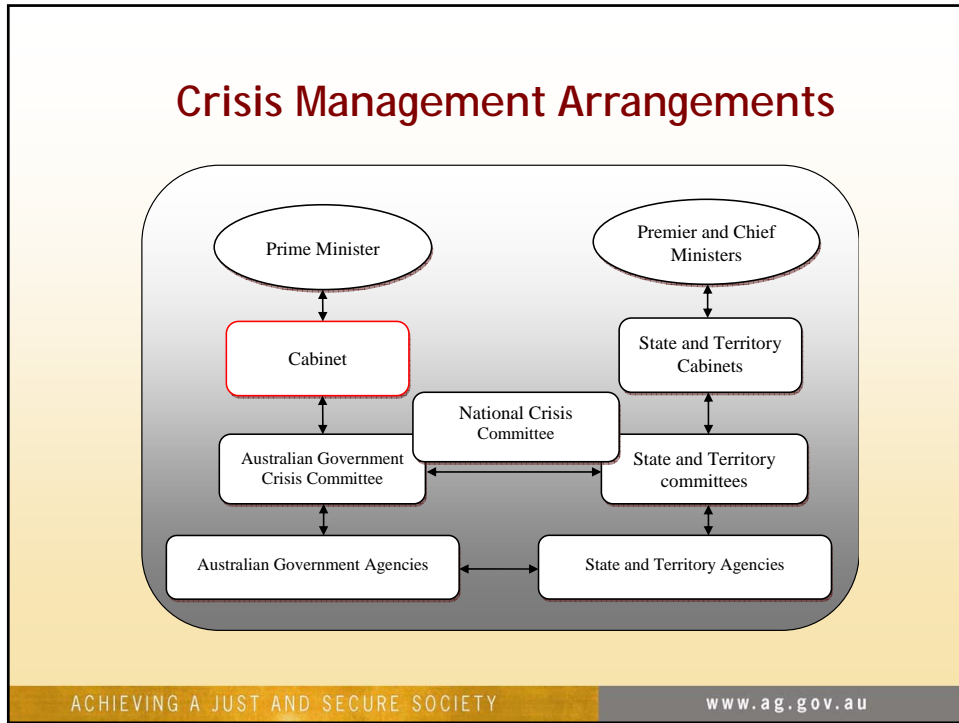
## An “All Hazards” Approach

“Blending multi-agency for multiple threats.”

- Spans the risk spectrum from Counter Terrorism to Natural Disasters
- Common high level governance processes
- Similar systems and information management arrangements
- Key senior leaders are often the same
- Similar overarching coordination framework to manage the incident

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## Emergency Management Australia

In short what we do is:

*Monitor*

*Inform*

*Coordinate*

## Emergency Management Australia Role

Australian Government's primary coordination resource in domestic emergencies:

- Coordinates a whole-of-government approach to crisis management.
- Provides single channel for coordination of response and recovery activities with states and territories, and
- Provides single avenue through which jurisdictions request and for the coordination of Australian Government physical and financial assistance.



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## EMA's role - Domestic Disasters

- Coordinates a whole-of-government approach to crisis management through the provision of the Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre (CCC)
- Provides situational awareness to ministers, agencies and jurisdictions.
- Manages financial assistance and support



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## EMA's role - Domestic Disasters



When requested:

- Coordination of Australian Government physical assistance
- Deployment of Liaison Officers
- Coordination of inter-jurisdictional assistance
- Management of domestic and international offers of assistance

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## EMA's role - International Disasters

- Supports Australian Government response:
  - Planning response options
  - Coordination of domestic resources - Urban Search and Rescue or Medical Assistance Teams
  - Deployment of Liaison Officers
  - Situational awareness to agencies and jurisdictions



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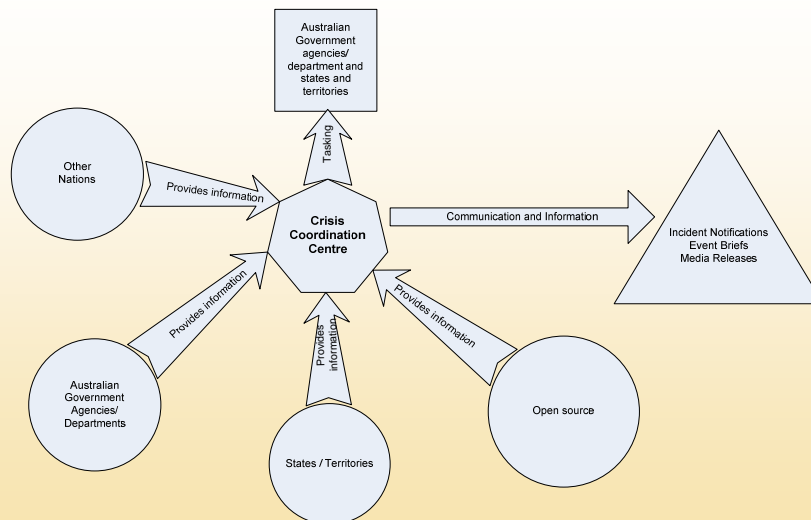
## Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre

- Managed by Emergency Management Australia
- Centralises Australian Government response and arrangements
- Coordination of information across Australian Government and states and territories
- Provides:
  - 24/7 all hazards monitoring and reporting
  - Whole-of-government situational awareness
  - Coordination of Australian Government physical and financial assistance
- Multiple incident management capability

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## Coordination, Communication & Information Management



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## EMA - 2010-12

- Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)
- Situational awareness and briefing products
- Requests for Australian Government Physical Assistance
- Inter-jurisdictional assistance
- Management of offers of assistance
- Deployment of physical resources - Pakistan, New Zealand and Japan
- Deployment of liaison officers
- Financial support to states and assistance to individuals



## QUESTIONS

